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PARMA INCLUDED IN MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY NORTH COAST GAS

(PARMA) – North Coast Gas Transmission of Columbus will soon begin construction of a new natural gas pipeline stretching across the southern end of Parma. The company says the pipeline will provide the area with more reliable and diverse supplies of natural gas.

“Traditionally, we’ve had issues with the natural gas supply for Parma because of inadequate pipeline capacity,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “This project will solve that problem and will hopefully lead to lower gas bills.”

Construction is scheduled to begin on or near April 6. Depending on the weather, North Coast says it anticipates the project will be completed and operational by late summer or early fall 2009.

North Coast Gas Transmission officials say the new pipeline could supply approximately one-third of the peak winter natural gas needs for the area. The pipeline will begin west of East Linden Lane and will terminate east of West 130th Street. According to North Coast, approximately 75 percent of the new line will be in the existing First Energy power line easement.

"North Coast is committed to serving Ohio and providing Ohio residential consumers and businesses with reliable and diverse natural gas sources. We believe this will also help boost economic development in the region," said North Coast Gas Transmission President Andy Lang.

North Coast officials say the pipeline will provide businesses and residential consumers with access to natural gas from the Chicago Hub. This hub serves as an aggregation point for virtually every natural gas-producing basin in the United States and western Canada. Ohio's natural gas providers will have the ability to transport natural gas on the North Coast pipeline to distribute to their end users. Natural gas from the Chicago Hub can be purchased at a significant discount to gas from the Gulf Coast region.

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“North Coast Gas Transmission has been in close contact with the Mayor’s office and city officials since the early stages of the project,” said Andy Lang. “Realizing the need for a new supply of natural gas in the area, the city has been supportive of the project.”

The pipeline will be 10-inch diameter specialized steel with 48 inches of cover. The pipeline will be constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with all federal and state natural gas pipeline safety requirements.

Additional information on the project can be obtained on the City of Parma’s website www.cityofparma-oh.gov and North Coast’s website at www.somersetgas.com. Residents with questions regarding the project can also contact North Coast Gas Transmission’s community relations representative Karl Gebhardt at 614-224-8114.

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